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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the comments set forth below.